

SAVE THEM OF NATIONAL PROBLEMS

The Situation at Washington—An interesting letter from Hon. N. E. Matthews Representative from the Fifth Ohio District—Preparedness—Military and Industrial—The United States and International Law.

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My Dear Sir:—Recent developments in Congress indicate that the Democratic majority are up in the air; are divided in purpose and not in accord with the President on several propositions, especially as to our diplomatic relations with other countries, and on Preparedness, together with raising revenue. One prominent Democrat in an interview recently stated that at least ninety Democrats in the House opposed to the President's manner and method of doing things and his plans generally.

With the majority so hopelessly divided, there is little chance of speedy action by the Congress in the way of legislation looking toward improvement in our defenses, or as it is called, better Preparedness. Mr. Bryan's influence is undoubtedly being exerted to the limit in the present Congress, and it appears failure for the President's preparedness plan unless the Republicans go to his rescue, and they are going to be patriotic enough to aid him so far as may be necessary to give us a safe and sane increase in the Army and Navy, together with the necessary improvement in our coast defense. The Chief of the Coast Artillery says in his annual report: "We possess the most formidable system of coast defense in the world." All we need is military properly man them. We also need more ammunition, more mines for our harbors and more coast submarines as well as fleet submarines. Our Navy is excellent so far as it goes. It is fourth rate now. It should be doubled in many of its branches to give us even a fair first line of defense in event of attack from either the Atlantic or Pacific side. We are a rich prize for any strong, piratical nation, and the past two years should teach us a lesson, Japan is preparing and needs watching.

Nobody seems to favor a large standing army. A moderate increase in our present regular army will go through Congress. Everybody recognizes the fact that steps should be taken looking toward military training and the creating of a reserve force of some kind, possibly through the State Militia. Forced military service or training is not popular. It must be free and voluntary. The European method of creating and maintaining armies can not be introduced or tolerated.

The Republican minority are united and ready and waiting to do business whenever the Democratic majority, who are in absolute control of all the committees, present their plans so far at least, as the question of better preparedness is concerned.

The minority believe and insist that the flag covers and should protect every American citizen whether at home or abroad, at any and all times, whenever they may be entitled to it, and that the whole power of this government should be used to that end on all occasions. This does not mean war; it means respect. They are for peace, but for peace on any price. It must be peace with honor.

If we are to take our place among the nations of this world, and we are perforce obliged to do so or become a dependent nation, we must at all times be in a position to command the good will and respect of all peoples.

And there are many who believe the present International School of Correspondence now being carried in and developed by the present Administration is not tending to that end. Fine phrases do not always produce results. Mr. Cleveland's course with England in the Venezuela incident quickly produced results.

Industrial preparedness is one thing the Republicans in Congress believe to be of equal importance with an increase in the Army and Navy. We must have such protection as will insure the stability of all our industries, manufacturing and agricultural, against any possible condition that may arise after the tragic con-

dict now raging in Europe comes to an end. Existing International Law has been the growth of Ages. Its development has been slow but sure, and is the result of the experience of all nations of the world as worked out by the greatest statesmen of all times, after mature deliberation in years gone by in many international congresses, conventions and diplomatic gatherings. It is expressed, or represented by agreements, many of them verbal, which have erected long standing precedents. Many more of them in the shape of written treaties ratified and approved by the treaty making powers ledged in each of the governments of the world. All the civilized governments are parties to these agreements and treaties and are deeply interested in their preservation. The present code of International Law was brought into existence long before the present world wide war commenced and was intended to meet the existing conditions in the world today and protect the rights and secure certain privileges to non-

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CONCERT GIVEN UNDER AUSPICES OF CIVIL LEAGUE
A very unusual concert is to be given March 30th by Mr. William Holland, Vice President and head of the Voice Department of Detroit Institute of Musical Art, 67-69 street, Detroit, Michigan.

Since 1900 Mr. Holland has been



MR. WILLIAM HOLLAND

head of the Vocal Department at "University School of Music" at Ann Arbor and was Musical Director of University Glee Club and opera. He is bass soloist and director of music at Temple Beth El in Detroit and conductor and founder of People's Vocal Union and the Detroit Festival Vocal Society (over 500 voices). He comes as an advertisement of the new school "Detroit Institute of Musical Art" of 722 pupils and branches which will be started in near future. Watch for next weeks article.

PUBLISHERS MEET.
Representatives of all but one of the newspapers of Fulton county met in Wauseon last Friday and considered plans of organizations for mutual benefit and protection. Mr. Cullis of the Fayette Review was chosen chairman and H. D. Meister of the Democratic Expositor, secretary of the meeting matters of interest to printers and publishers were discussed and date for another meeting set for April 8th.

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GOOD ROADS

Interested Citizens Fill The Court Room Friday Morning and Afternoon To Receive Information, Instructions, and Counsel Concerning Fulton County Roads.

It was as fine a looking lot of men as could be found anywhere in the State of Ohio that was gathered in the court room at Wauseon last Friday morning to listen to the messages concerning the construction and maintenance of the road of the county. The audience filled the court room and the careful attention given the speakers attested to the interest taken in the important subject of good roads.

Mr. C. O. Castle, County Surveyor and also, under the new road law, County Highway Superintendent was the first speaker at the forenoon session; he gave a practical talk on the program which was given by Mr. Hinkle, Deputy State Highway Commissioner, who dwelt upon the provisions of the law especially as to systematic maintenance of the highways.

This is a very important factor in the problem of roads and one to which all to little attention has been given in the past with the result that thousands of dollars have been lost to the citizens of the state not to speak of the loss of labor and material put into the original construction of roads, which the timely expenditure of a few hundreds of dollars might have saved. The citizens of the State are beginning to realize this false economy of the past and one of the most valuable portions of the Cass Codified Road law is that which makes provision for road repair and maintenance.

Prosecuting Attorney Charles T. Stahl followed with an address on the road question from the legal point of view which was well received. It was very noticeable that very few left the room during the progress of the addresses, again testifying to the real interest in the matter before them.

At the afternoon session Mr. Rod' representing the Ohio Good Roads Federation gave the first address which quite naturally dwelt upon the importance of good roads. Mr. Rod' spoke in place of Hon. Jess E. Taylor, the president of the Ohio Good Roads Federation who was unable to fill his engagement here on account of severe illness. There was general regret because Mr. Taylor's sickness but Mr. Rod' gave a very interesting and instructive address.

Hon. C. C. Cass author of the Cass Codification of the Revised Laws, rather lengthy address explaining those laws.

Senator Cass had a subject that necessarily required a considerable length of time to adequately discuss, but those who listened to him were amply repaid by the understanding of the law and how it is intended to work out in practical application.

Under the auspices of the Ohio Good Roads Federation, a free moving picture show presenting the various methods of construction and maintenance of roads together with the various materials used, was given at the Princess Theatre, closing one of the most practical, and valuable gatherings ever held at the county seat. The result of this meeting will prove beneficial to this county will, we venture to predict, for years to come and will be manifest in greater economy, more co-operation, better roads and consequently greater prosperity all over the county.

The ultimate result, if the policy of the present road laws is followed persistently, will be the reduction of the expense for roads to the minimum and at the same time provide the county with a complete system of good roads; good at all times of the year. Roads are in some respect like the equipment of a factory or like farm machinery, if neglected remains unprovided for and etc., it will not be long before they were out and will have to be replaced with new, while if cared for and repairs kept up they will last indefinitely.

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IN THE MIDST OF "BABY WEEK"

Educational Programs for the Betterment of Babies—Births in Clinton Township in 1915 Numbered Ninety-four—Twelve Deaths of Infants Under One Year Old.

We are right in the midst of Baby Week and it is but only to our careful attention. It is a week of education for the betterment of babies. Too many are lost annually through ignorance and neglect. There may have been some needless sacrifice right in Clinton township, where in the year 1915 there were ninety-four births and twelve deaths of infants under one year of age. It is a civic duty to promote the safety of the babies.

This week people of Wauseon and vicinity may have an opportunity entirely free of charge of learning more facts about the proper care of infants and facts that will bring home to the community the vital importance of the babies and increase an interest in the permanent work of child welfare.

Parents and all representative citizens of this community; men and women who are interested in the welfare and health of school children are urged to hear the address of Dr. Brockway this Friday afternoon at three o'clock at the high school assembly auditorium. He is the Director of Health for the Board of Education, Toledo, and will talk on Health Supervision of Public School Children.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Anna Struble Williams, daughter of Wm. and Elizabeth Struble, was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, March 27th, 1841 and departed this life February 21st, 1916, aged seventy-four years, ten months and twenty-four days. When about five years of age she moved with her parents to Fulton County, Ohio, where she lived until taken away by death. She was one of a family of ten children, three sisters and three brothers preceded her to the spirit world. Two brothers and one sister surviving her to mourn her departure.

She was united in marriage with John Harrison Williams, September 12th, 1858. To them were born ten children, five sons, Edward, Emanuel, Grant, Jerry and James, and five daughters, Mary E., Mertie, Laura, Cora and Jennie, and one son Edward preceded her to the Heavenly World. She leaves also two grand children and one great grandchild to mourn her departure.

She was converted to the religion of Christ about twenty-five years ago in the triumph of a living faith. She was a faithful devoted and affectionate mother. She was resigned, patient and cheerful in all her suffering, trusting in the saving, comforting influence of her Saviour and Lord. She leaves a host of friends and neighbors to mourn her departure.

The funeral services were conducted by her pastor Rev. A. M. Smith of Delta, Ohio.

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to our kind ministrations during the sickness and death of our beloved mother. Also to the relatives and friends who were present at the funeral and to the choir for the appropriate and inspiring songs. To the pastor for his words of comfort and cheer.

THE FAMILY.

VICTORY FOR WAUSEON ATTORNEY

Attorney Fred B. Fowler has the satisfaction of having a hard fought criminal case in the Henry County Court of Common Pleas last week. Mr. Fowler was the attorney for Judson R. Linthicum, a member of the Henry County Bar, who was indicted on the charge of embezzlement made by B. W. Justice of Holgate.

The trial which began last Thursday revealed that Justice and Linthicum had had business transactions since 1907, that Justice had borrowed money from Linthicum and that he, Justice, was indebted to Linthicum. These transactions culminated on the 20th day of January 1915, when Justice sent Linthicum \$83.00 with which to pay taxes; the sum was \$97.00 and Justice asked Linthicum to furnish the balance and Linthicum, at first consenting to do so and later concluding not to, kept the \$83.00 which he credited to Justice's account. Justice admitting that he at this time owed Linthicum from \$250 to \$300. Justice later paid his taxes himself and brought the charge of embezzlement against Linthicum. The trial lasted until Friday evening including an evening session Thursday.

The case was given to the jury Friday at 6:30 p. m. and on Saturday at two p. m. they returned a verdict of "not guilty" and Linthicum was discharged. Attorney R. R. Cahill prosecuted the case for the State.

Mr. Fowler is securing an enviable reputation for himself as a criminal lawyer not only in this county but in this section of the State.

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BUSINESS METHODS

Straight Forward Statement From Governor Willis — Governments Should Be Conducted on Business Principles — Keep Expenditures Within The Limit of The Revenues.

In view of the fact that the Democratic press bureau of the State is doing its utmost to hide from the people of Ohio, by misrepresentation and the juggling of figures, the real truth that the present State administration is carrying out its platform pledges as to economy and efficiency; it is good for citizens to read the following straight forward statement:

At the recent meeting of the State Board of Finance, the following statement was made by Governor Willis: "The State of Ohio is in a financial straits. The revenues are not sufficient to meet the expenditures. It is time now for merchants and farmers to insist that governments shall be run upon at least as good business principles as those which the wise merchant uses in the management of his business and with as strict and careful economy as a good farmer practices in running his farm. No farmer would hire men to work for him when he did not need their services and simply because the men wanted the place nor would he recklessly increase salaries far beyond the real worth of the services rendered just because he wanted to please somebody. Yet in recent years this very thing has been done by the government of the State of Ohio, offices have been created to take care of political parties and salaries have been increased in order to pay political debts out of the tax payers' money. This practice, however, came to an end more than a year ago, salaries have not been increased, but on the contrary have been reduced. Useless offices have been abolished and sinecures have been wiped out of existence. Tremendous savings have been brought within a few short months in several departments of the state Government without in any way impairing the efficiency of the public service."

If every political subdivision of the state will adopt and follow this slogan of economy, fewer offices, lower salaries, less waste, there will be need for higher taxes. Instead of seeking to raise more taxes to meet expenditures in contemplation, let us curtail expenditures so as to keep within the limit of the revenues we now have. Instead of trying to make taxes grow to meet expenditures let us cut down expenses to meet revenues, counties, cities, state and nation have gone wild on extravagant expenditures. It is time to call a halt everywhere; a halt has been called in the state government of Ohio and the same program of economy and retrenchment should be adopted by every political subdivision of the state. Limitation on the tax rate must be preserved; I assure you there will be no special session of the legislature to break down the one per cent. tax law and increase the burden of the tax payers.

It is no easy thing to abolish a useless office when it once has been established. After the campaign is over and the departure of political opponents is assured, some friend of the incoming administration is pretty certain to discover that the office is after all very useful and necessary. He would even be willing to sacrifice himself upon the altar of his country and accept the position for the emoluments there unto belonging. And the appointing power runs the risk of being called a base ingrate if he does not shake down the plum, so ripe and ready to fall.

In spite of the hindrances and delays, however, we are making progress in economy and efficiency. An effort to obscure this record may be made but it cannot permanently succeed. If a useless office is eliminated, the salary discontinued and no other position is created in its place, that salary is saved. The fact is so obvious that it cannot be explained away. The policy of retrenchment inaugurated by the state is already making itself felt and will soon become so obvious that it will be generally known and appreciated without official announcement or public advertising.

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COURT NEWS.

In the matter of a mother's pension for Mrs. Edna Schuster. Further hearing of this case continued to April 1st, 1916, at one o'clock.

In the matter of a mother's pension for Mrs. Anna E. Beam. Further hearing of this case continued to April 1, 1916.

In the matter of a mother's pension for Mrs. Sarah A. Soule. It appearing that the allowance made to Mrs. Sarah A. Soule continued for a period of six months expired March 3rd, 1916, it is ordered that said allowance be and hereby is extended for a period of six months from the date of this expiration.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Charles H. Awkerman vs George C. Dudley, Case No. 7562. March 3, 1916 settled and dismissed without record; costs paid.

Benjamin F. Conn vs James O. Krauss, March 1, 1916, dismissed for failure to comply with the order of the court, to give security for costs without prejudice. At cost of plaintiff.

W. Edward Mohr vs John James et al Case No. 7606. March 6, 1916, heard and submitted; allegations of plaintiff found to be true, service by publication proved and approved; title quieted as prayed for see J. E.

Homer Stevens vs Roscoe Rice, Case No. 7607. March 7, 1916, dismissed without record; costs paid.

Ada M. J. Brethaur vs John A. Brethaur, Case No. 7610. March 3, 1916, heard and submitted; plaintiff decreed divorce on the grounds of extreme cruelty; stipulations of plaintiff as to alimony approved and confirmed, plaintiff restored to former name of Ada M. Stultz. Defendant to pay costs.

Scott McArthur et al vs Ruby Garlick et al Case No. 7679. March 3, 1916 James McArthur, Frank McArthur defendant to cross petition in partition and Elmer McArthur made parties with leave to answer by March 15, 1916.

Samuel Hyman and O. C. Barber partners doing business under the firm name of "Hyman & Barber" vs W. E. Fossard, Case No. 7618. March 6, 1916, ordered by the court that plaintiff's give security for costs within ten days.

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RURAL SCHOOL GROUND

"Planting the Rural School Ground" a Paper from Dowell School—Helpful Suggestions for Beautifying Ground and Buildings—Kind of Trees To Plant.

Rural school houses as a rule are not beautiful buildings. Neglect rather than painstaking care is the rule for the average country school yard. This should not be the case. Arbor Day should mean much to the rural school. It is the day when the yard should be cleaned and planted. An elaborate program on Arbor Day will not improve the appearance of your school yard unless the program consists largely of exercises with the shovel, rake and hoe.

We are often at a loss on Arbor Day in regard to the varieties of trees to plant. At our own school this was the case and we consulted the State Experiment Station at Wooster and received advice of a very material kind. Mr. Severus the Forester not only gave us advice but also all the trees we wanted to plant. The only cost to us being the cost of the expert. The trees we planted consisted of Norway Spruce for a wind-break on the West side of the yard, White Pine for the wind break on the North side of the school yard, Catalpa Speciosa for the East side and an assortment of various hard woods for the South side of our school grounds. Text books on forestry advise us to avoid straight lines in planting trees but on a small yard of an acre or less this can not be done without sacrificing considerable of the playground.

Some persons criticize the evergreen trees saying they give a place a "grave yard" appearance but this we think is only a fancied grievance. There is a stately beauty about the pines and hemlocks especially in winter, that surely adds a touch of cultured beauty and refinement to any architectural or landscape plan.

The planting and care of these trees means work and practice for the agriculture class. It is a work the larger boys and girls enjoy. They are proud to help make their school yard beautiful and after a boy has planted a tree on his school yard he speaks of "his" school and "his" yard.

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